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Yes, we knew about this sort of reporting...it started in the Washington Times yesterday.

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Hi Rusty and Bill –

Anita alerted us to this. It's inflammatory and disturbing. No idea what the readership is.

The story claims that we are working on a waiver of liability (SF 95).

This is not how the mainstream media is covering it but thought you should see it in case a reporter mentions it.

US poisons Navajo river water in scorched earth campaign

Posted by [Brenda Norrell](#) - August 13, 2015 at 8:08 am

After poisoning the river water of Navajos and farmers, the United States immediately began a

dirty tricks campaign to get Navajos to sign waivers of liability



By Brenda Norrell

The United States has poisoned the Four Corners river water, and immediately began a dirty tricks campaign, attempting to have Navajos sign 'waivers of liability.'

When the power plants first poisoned the air, water and land of the Four Corners region, the United States declared the Four Corners -- including this area of the Navajo Nation -- is a "sacrifice zone."

This is because the electricity produced here is primarily for distant US cities. The coal-fired power plants here, some of the most polluting in the world, depend on enormous amounts of water.

Now, with the poisoning of the Animas River by the US EPA, with water from the Gold King mine -- whether it was intentional or accidental by the US -- the US has once again carried out a scorched earth campaign.

The US EPA has poisoned the water of those with the least financial resources to recover and survive: Navajos and farmers in the Four Corners region who depend on this river for water, livestock and crops. The US EPA admits it is responsible for this spill.

At the same time, the US and Arizona Congressmen have been using every trick possible to get Navajo area river water for power plant use, including trying to secretly steal it, as was revealed in attempts to steal the nearby Colorado River water by the US Interior and Arizona Congressmen for the Navajo Generating Station at nearby Page, Arizona.

Now the US has poisoned the river water in the Four Corners region.

Not only has the US poisoned the Animas River water in this area of New Mexico and Colorado, but the US EPA immediately began a dirty tricks campaign, attempting to get Navajos to sign waivers of liability to release the US from financial liability, to prevent Navajos and others from recovering.

Already, the US has presented these forms to Navajos in Shiprock, N.M., and Aneth and Oljato in Utah. These are remote areas where many Navajo elders still speak Dine' (Navajo.)

Navajo President Russell Begaye has warned the people not to sign these waivers of liability in this latest attempt by the US to continue genocide against Native Americans and America's poor.

Navajo President Russell Begaye said, "The U.S. EPA has been seeking signatures from the Navajo People on Standard Form No. 95 which, if signed, will waive future claims against the U.S. EPA.

"The Federal Government is asking our People to waive their future rights because they know without the waiver they will be paying millions to our People. This is simple; the Feds are protecting themselves at the expense of the Navajo people and it is outrageous," President Begaye said.

See President Begaye's statement and warning, with French and Dutch translations provided at Censored News <http://bsnorrell.blogspot.com/2015/08/us-epa-tells-navajo-people-to-waive.html>

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